

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-01-19**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 16, 2006
Commission Meeting: January 19, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. CenturyTel N2005.12.175 (Scott)

On December 16, 2005, CenturyTel Filed Tariff Transmittal No. 05-08. This filing revises the Predesignated Interexchange Carrier (PIC) Change Charge. This change is due to FCC's Order in Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge in CC Docket No. 02-53, release February 17, 2005. Probable Motion: Approve CenturyTel's Tariff Transmittal No. 05-08 in Docket N2005.12.175.

2. Qwest N2006.1.1 (Scott)

On January 3, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-01. Qwest previously notified the Commission that on February 24, 2005, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) issued its decision in the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime T-Mobile et al. Petition for Declaratory Ruling regarding Incumbent LEC Wireless Termination Tariffs, CC Docket No. 01-92. To comply with the FCC's order, Qwest request to withdraw Section 20, Facilities for Radio Carriers. References to DID numbers for CMRS, currently residing in Section 20, will be moved to Section 5, Direct-Inward-Dialing (DID) Services. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-01 in Docket N2006.1.1

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2005.12.178 – Northern Telephone Cooperative – suspension of local number portability requirement – Discuss and act on the request for a suspension. (1/19/06)
2. D2005.6.105 – Qwest Universal Service Fund use – Discuss/act on a draft NCA regarding discovery and other related matters as necessary. (1/19/06)
3. D2005.5.88 – NorthWestern Energy's application for Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Cost – Set a date for hearing. (1/19/06)
4. N2005.12.172 – NorthWestern Energy December 2005 Electric Default Supply Procurement Plan – Discuss procedural track and provide direction to staff. (1/19/06)
5. Grid West Membership Application – Placeholder – If necessary discuss cover letter to accompany the Commission's Application for Membership in Grid West. (1/19/06)
6. D2005.4.49, (D2004.9.145) – Mountain Water Company General rate case (and power tracker) – Discuss the record and get direction from the Commission on the merits of the issues in this case. (1/19/06)

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2006.1.2 - PSC Initiated - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Electric and Gas
Universal Systems Benefit Review